

shall be glad to answer questions about any of the men or women whose names are given, and are prepared to prove that there was not a drop of negro blood in any one of them."

"CHARLES P. TAFT, Publisher.
"HERBERT TAFT, Editor."

HERRICK NEWSPAPERS NAIL HARDING TALE

Pure White Blood Runs in Veins of G. O. P. Nominee.

DAYTON, Ohio, Oct. 30.—The Dayton Evening Herald and Dayton Morning Journal, both owned by Myron T. Herrick, formerly Republican Governor of Ohio and later Ambassador to France, to-day printed the following editorial across their front pages over the signature of the editor, E. G. Burkham, with these headlines:

"The vile slanders of Senator Harding and his family will seek their skulls holes ere to-day's sun shall have set."
"The most damnable conspiracy in the history of American politics. Warren G. Harding, pure in heart, pure in his Americanism, splendid in his fine patriotism, has in his veins only the pure blood of the white man, given to him by a long line of cultured ancestry, men and women of whom he may well be proud—proud in achievement, proud in their fine home life and ideals and proud in their pure race integrity."

The editorial reads:
"To the men and women of Dayton! Thousands upon thousands of type-written, mischievous and evil printed statements, usually under the heading of 'Harding's Family Tree,' have been distributed in Dayton and Montgomery county, at first in cowardly secrecy and in the last two days openly and boldly, by men low down in the Democratic party, unprincipled heelers, and men high up in the Democratic party who have sunk their standards to the very sewers of depravity."
"The time has come for plain language. These vile circulars declare that Warren G. Harding has negro blood in his veins. The ugly details of the circulars have been read. Enough of the circulars have been distributed in our city and country to supply every man and woman with several copies. Even innocent children have been misled."

"This is the vilest plot and conspiracy in the history of the worst speech of American politics."
"Unless there is no such thing as honesty in the world, unless there is no such thing as decency in the world, if our moral standards are not a sham, then the perpetrators of this outrage will suffer their everlasting condemnation of public opinion within the sacred precincts of every home in America."

"The answer to this conspiracy, this plot, is that its base allegations are a lie."

"Warren G. Harding has the blood of but one race in his veins—that of the white race—the pure inheritance of a fine line of ancestors of good men and women. That is sufficient. Enough of the circulars have been distributed in our city and country to supply every man and woman with several copies. Even innocent children have been misled."

CRIMINAL ACTIONS FOR HARDING SLANDER

Indiana Republicans Issue a Warning.

Special Dispatch to The New York Herald.
INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 30.—No editorials have appeared in any of the local newspapers concerning the circulation of the Harding negro pamphlet. Quite a few of the circulars have been distributed in this city, and the press, both Republican and Democratic, has ignored them. However, the following appeared this week on the front page of the Indianapolis Star:

"A plea and a warning. The following statement was issued last night from Republican State headquarters: 'The Republicans have conducted a high grade campaign and no unwary reflections have been cast upon any Democratic candidates. We hope the citizens of the Democratic faith will join us in the closing days of this campaign in discussing the real issues and in keeping the campaign honorable and high class, as it should be. Already slanderous stories are being circulated with reference to Republican candidates. All of them are, of course, absolutely untrue, utterly false and libelous. Thinking people will not give them any credence. We suggest that the voters be alert and not permit themselves to be misled. Any evidence of libelous conduct will be immediately reported to the proper authorities for action under the statutes of Indiana.'

"E. M. WARMUTH, Chairman.
"T. E. SCHOUTERMAN, Secretary."

DEFAMER OF HARDING HAS STORMY RECORD

Prof. Chancellor's Path Is Marked by Clashes.

Prof. William Estabrook Chancellor, who was dismissed Friday night from his post as head of the department of political economy at Wooster University, in Wooster, Ohio, upon the ground that he had taken active part in circulation of attacks on Senator Harding, has had a stormy career as an educator. He was superintendent of schools in Bloomfield, N. J., from 1896 to 1900, during which time he bought a residence in Bloomfield, which he still owns. From September, 1901, to September, 1906, he was superintendent of the public schools of Paterson, where he had many disagreements with the members of the Board of Education, who were well pleased when his term ended. He was next employed at Washington, D. C., where he again clashed with the school authorities and made himself unwelcome. From that city he went to South Norwalk, Conn., where he remained until he took the chair of political economy at Wooster. During his stay in New Jersey Prof. Chancellor was a member of the State Council of Education, secretary of the State Child Study Association and for a while president of the State High School Association.

WANTS DELAWARE PUT ON SURE G. O. P. LIST

Col. T. W. Miller Says State Is Solidly Republican.

Asbury because some political defamers have put his native State, Delaware, in Tuesday's doubtful column. Col. Thomas W. Miller, director of the Eastern division of the Republican speakers' bureau, said last night:

"If there is a State that is sure to elect Harding and Coolidge electors as well as the entire Republican State, county and town committee, it is Delaware. The fact that my little State is the sure Republican list."

CANARD IS KILLED BY HARDING'S AIDS

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duced personal encounters, half of which occurred in the last few days in Ohio. As the campaign neared its close efforts to discredit Senator Harding became more openly desperate. The muttered and whispered attack was not getting the results hoped for by the enemy partisans and so they took another and bolder step. They caused hundreds of thousands of defamatory circulars to be printed and distributed, particularly in Columbus and San Francisco.

Devoted of All Truth.

These sheets were so numerous produced that in some sections of this State they even fell into the hands of little children, who picked them up on the street where they had been strewn. They were passed about in the night, tossed into doorways and windows, thrown over front fences and generally distributed, especially in large centres of population.

These circulars were so called "genealogical" of the Harding family. There were three sets of these manufactured family histories, all maliciously false in their principal implication, which was that there was a strong taint of negro blood in the Harding stock, and all referred to the same genealogical reference. For example, one of them referred to "Amos Harding," born 1764, died 1839, as a black man, and married to Hulda Tryon, described as "passing for white," as Amos Harding's wife. As a matter of fact, these elder Hardings were not only of unimpeachable white blood, traceable through the authentic history of town records, family Bibles and family chronicles written years ago, but Hulda Tryon, was not Amos Harding's wife at all, but his mother. This one instance of a dozen placing in the circulars, all fundamental, which utterly destroy the value of these alleged genealogies.

The third of these vicious inventions, the one attributed to Prof. William Estabrook, chancellor of Wooster College, states that this same Amos Harding was a West Indian negro. It is a matter of public record that Amos Harding was born at Port Jervis, N. Y., on March 10, 1764, and lived in the Wyoming Valley from 1777 to 1800, when he moved to Tuscarora county, Pa., then to Adams county, Ohio, where he died in 1839. Every step of this man's life has been traced completely, as has been the case with the lives of every one of Senator Harding's ancestors, both paternal and maternal.

The official statement issued by the Republican National Committee and based on a very complete examination of the Harding family records contains all the necessary facts concerning the places of birth, the migrations and the movements of the various Hardings, the Tryons, Trappes, Crawfords, Stapletons, Madisons, Stevenses, Dickersons, Vankirks and Curries—all folk clean, white, fine pioneer strain of the purest Anglo-Saxon, German, Scotch-Irish and Dutch blood. That statement necessarily speaks for itself.

How the Story Started.

It is taken by Senator Harding and his friends for granted that the circulation of the current falsehoods as intelligent or honest minds could wish for. It does not, however, explain how, in the petty malice of a neighborhood in rural Ohio three-quarters of a century ago the story originated that there was African blood in the family. Anybody who has lived in the "country" long there or brought up there, knows how unreasonably hurtful statements or accusations may become between neighbor and neighbor, how one family without clear or definite reason, perhaps piqued more than may spring from a children's quarrel, will form a lasting grudge against a neighboring family. These things, as is well known, often vitiate more virulently than truthful accusations or logical reasons for resentment. Sometimes they seem to be indestructible. This appears to have been the case with the legend that sprang up out of nowhere seventy-five years ago in Morrow county, Ohio, about the Hardings.

In this county and in the country around it, of Blooming Grove there were two families of some prominence in that long ago. One of these was the Hardings, a blue eyed stock who had fought in the Revolutionary War and had contended with the Indians in the westward push of civilization for their homes in Kentucky and Ohio. Investigation reveals absolutely that in the early days of Ohio history and neighborhood chronicles there was never a whisper of accusation that there was negro blood in this stock.

Noah the Hardings lived a family named Appleman, folk of pretty much the same sturdy, rugged, pioneer kind. Their children attended the same little red schoolhouse, and the elders were, up to a certain time, good neighbors and friends. Then came about one of those curious, unexplainable twists of destiny such as is referred to above, the unreasonably appearance of a perfectly baseless and illogical fling from one neighbor to another.

Children Started the Trouble.

Itch appeared in the community. Itch is a humiliating visitation. It was as shameful a thing to be afflicted with it seventy-five years ago as it is now. The people, especially the children, ate too much buckwheat. Buckwheat indulged to excess causes a skin irritation resembling the old fashioned itch. Both the Harding children and the Appleman children suffered from it. One day in school one of the Appleman children turned to one of the small Hardings and said: "If it weren't for you niggers we wouldn't have any itch in this neighborhood."

The incident was taken up by the Appleman home it made hard feeling, although the elders at first laughed at it. But the children took it up. As children will sometimes when they happen upon a particularly annoying and irritating epithet, they pressed it hard. They kept it going. Neighbors people to submit to any sort of insult. The Hardings resented it, and there were many fights among the Harding and Appleman children.

That said about the neighborhood and before long unthinking people became involved in a perfectly baseless and foolish controversy. It happened, too, that the old Hardings of Morrow county, like most people, despised the ill-wishers as well as good friends. There were people about who were not unwilling to spread a tale that they knew absolutely to be false. From time to time the echoes of the silly accusation died away. Then something would happen to revive the story.

For example, there was a David C. Butler, a blacksmith of Iberia, Ohio, who married a young woman of the Harding stock. The smith had a customer named Smith. A dispute arose between them over a money transaction. This was on October 15, 1845. The customer, standing in the doorway of the smithy, made a nasty remark to Butler, something to the effect that nobody could expect to get a square deal from a man who had married a nigger. Butler wasted no words. He snatched up a gouge, a sharp circular edged tool, that was ready to hand and threw it, killing his neighbor.

He was arrested and tried for murder and was convicted. But he was pardoned within a short time, largely because public opinion exonerated him. The notice of the time was that "Dave Butler had been a little hasty."

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Scurrilous Circulars in Mails at San Francisco

TWO hundred and fifty thousand of the scurrilous circulars sailing Senator Harding were discovered in the mails in San Francisco alone.

The postage on these circulars amounted to \$5,000. The printing, paper, etc., added greatly to this amount.

When the postmaster learned the nature of the mail he refused to permit it to go forward.

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The old folks of these neighborhoods "naturally" recalled with great distinctness the personal appearance of old Amos Harding himself, now made the central figure of the slander. Phoebe Tripp, his wife; of John and Joshua Crawford on the maternal side of Senator Harding's family, who came from the stock of the Col. Crawford who was burned at the stake by the Indians in northern Ohio, and who were among the first pioneers of the new Western country; of George Tryon Harding, the Senator's great-grandfather, and Elizabeth Madison, his wife, reputed this country over for a fine old character, and more especially of the younger Hardings.

Everybody in these parts knew as well as they knew their own family history that the Hardings were white folk in every sense of the word, the men blue eyed and gray eyed, with straight, slender noses and with every revealing mark of the undoubted and unstrained Caucasian race. Ohio has known the story for many years and has laughed at it. It has cropped up in family rows and in political campaigns.

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Came Up in Former Campaign.

He seems to have seized upon this story eagerly enough as a means of discrediting his daughter Florence from the marriage. She ignored his insinuations. Personally and through trusted friends she took the trouble to investigate the slander and satisfied herself thoroughly that there was not a trace of truth in it. Whereupon she married young Harding and was disowned by her father. Thereafter Mr. Kling walked the streets of Marion nursing a new grievance and eagerly repeated to all comers the old, old slander. That is, he did it up to a certain night. On that night Mr. Harding went to him and said something. Nobody knows what it was except Harding himself. But after that night Kling never repeated the story. After that talk nobody could

get a word out of him about the tale he had so often bandied about.

In Senator Harding's campaign for Lieutenant Governor of Ohio many years ago the story once more rose to the surface and was circulated by means of the same variety of hand bills and circulars that are appearing now. It had no effect, and no effect was believed to resurrect it when he ran for Governor, but it is said that Judson Harmon himself, who was Harding's opponent, looked the effort with these words: "Warren Harding is my friend and a gentleman. I will have nothing to do with circulating so scandalous a lie."

Chronologically this brings us to the point and to a campaign which in this State of Ohio has never been equalled for viciousness and nastiness. It is correctly stated by Senator Harding's friends that the whole story was revived and deliberately strengthened by the Democratic managers in this State before the Ohio might be saved for Cox, campaign had fallen into. The statement is that the Democratic assumption was that Ohio might be saved for Cox as well as Indians and all the border States, if wide circulation could be so for the ancient story.

There appeared to meet the desires of Senator Harding's enemies a man named William Estabrook Chancellor, who occupied the chair of economics at Wooster College, Ohio. He had been Superintendent of Schools at Paterson, N. J., and Washington and had vacated these positions for reasons which appealed to the school heads of those cities. According to the story as it has been traced by Senator Harding's friends, Prof. Chancellor stated recently in writing that he had questioned, while school superintendent, the principal of a school in Washington, D. C., in regard to Harding's sister, Mrs. Votaw. In regard to her competency for a teaching position and that she had admitted to him that she had negro blood in her veins.

Prof. Chancellor then proceeded to prepare and to circulate with somebody's aid a genealogy of the Harding family in which it was made to appear that Senator Harding's great-grandfather, Amos Harding, was a black man, and that his wife, Hulda Tryon, "passed for white."

Amos Harding's mother and not his wife. This so-called genealogy is the document that has been so numerous printed and widely circulated in this and other States, and it is because of this and other utterances that the trustees of Wooster College are now investigating Chancellor's responsibility.

Information is given to the press by responsible persons that Prof. Chancellor went to the White House only a few days ago and made the statement to President Wilson's secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, that Warren G. Harding never would be inaugurated President of the United States. It is also stated that he offered certain proofs to Mr. Tumulty, who produced a desperate encounter or two between insulted men and their defenders, but in the old Harding neighborhood of Morrow county and subsequently in the State of Ohio, the Senator's present home, the story was ridiculed. The home people were too familiar with the physical appearance of the Hardings, for one thing, to be impressed by the occasional recurrence of an old slander.

It is this statement, together with a veiled allusion in another to some personal attack he might take to prevent the inauguration of Harding, that is prompting a desire for a fair and thorough examination of Prof. Chancellor. It is understood here to-night that this phase of the matter will not be overlooked by the authorities of Wooster College. It is known that he is even now being closely watched by persons who are alarmed for the personal safety of the Republican nominee for President.

VOTE CLOSE IN FOUR STATES.

Final returns from the straw vote of the Rexall stores indicated little change from the previous figures. They show 32 electoral votes for Senator Harding to 149 for Cox. With a total of 1,141,062 votes cast, Harding leads with a popular vote of 584,701 to 556,361 for Cox.

In several States the vote is so close that a matter of a hundred or so votes would have thrown them into the Cox column. Such States are Missouri, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

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VICIOUS ATTACK ON HARDING EXPOSED

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a nigger for President? Don't know how wide circulation has been given circulars containing such vile information immediately to be used in combating effect of circular."

Another telegram from the middle West said:

"Local man received envelope today under two cent postage, with Indianapolis postmark, containing the following mimeographed matter: 'Genealogy of Warren G. Harding, black: Charles A. Harding, grandfather, black; Mary Ann Crawford, grandmother, white; George Tryon Harding 2d, father, mulatto; Phoebe Dickerson, mother, white; Warren G. Harding, son.' Please wire denial and facts in case."

From the Far West came this: "Caught the parties redhanded who were preparing to circulate ancestor pamphlet and compelled them yesterday to turn over to me 30,000 of the same. Not more than 500 of these sent out through the mails, and upon my notification to the postal department several hundred of same were apprehended in the Post Office and held up. Do not think a similar attempt will be made here. I intend to make a statement to all papers in State day before yesterday to look out for the eleventh hour scurrilous attacks."

The following is from the South: "My judgment is there should be immediate authoritative denial and denunciation of infamous lies about Senator Harding's genealogy. Democrats are making practically their personal campaign among women on race issue. They have never waged dirtier, more contemptible campaign."

This came from the Southwest: "For your information following telegram received here to-day, creating sensation: 'Wooster, Ohio, Oct. 26, 1920. Charles L. Blanton, editor, Skieson, Mo.; father, George Tryon, mulatto; great-grandfather, Charles Amos, same; great-grandfather, George Tryon, same; great-grandfather, French West Indian creole; great-grand-grandmother, Hulda Tryon, black, some white blood on mother's side. Spent twenty-two days investigating in Blooming Grove, birthplace of Warren G. Harding, and around Marion, the Senator's present home, the story was ridiculed. The home people were too familiar with the physical appearance of the Hardings, for one thing, to be impressed by the occasional recurrence of an old slander."

Other messages from different parts of America follow: "In the last three days this city has been flooded with many thousands of sealed letters mailed from this city and I believe part of an organized Democratic official effort. These letters contain alleged Harding genealogy, you understand what I mean. We are attempting to run down local source, but very difficult. My belief that stuff is being sent out by official direction is based on fact that cost involved is large."

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If League Wins, Wilson Would Retire, Says Co

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—Gov. Cox declared his belief to-night that President Wilson, if he could obtain ratification of the League of Nations, would end all participation in public affairs.

"I shall never forget the scene in the White House when I went to visit the President," said Gov. Cox. "I saw very tired and worn man who had been transplanted, at least, and have since been the saddest picture in my life on that day."

"I cannot understand why a deliberate policy of malignant hate can be maintained against the President of the United States, who the other day when he met the first contingent of American citizens was wheeled out in an invalid chair, as clearly a victim of this war as any soldier in any hospital. He thinks of one thing, and one thing only. He talks of it more than anything else, and it is this, that he gave a promise to the mothers of America and that promise has not been kept."

"I am certain if he knew definitely that promise could be kept he would be perfectly willing to close his participation in all public affairs, either officially or privately."

and this campaign of slander was started here three days ago, and that voting lists of Republicans are being used for addresses.

We have had called to our attention this morning circular giving genealogy of Senator Harding claiming direct Ethiopian descent. This genealogy is being circulated not only here but other towns, and generally by the Democrats. It bears the name of Prof. William E. Chancellor of Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio. We are being besieged by telephone calls from all over the State requesting denial. This is the most spurious and vicious eleven hour campaign propaganda ever clothed to our attention. What action if any do you wish us to take?

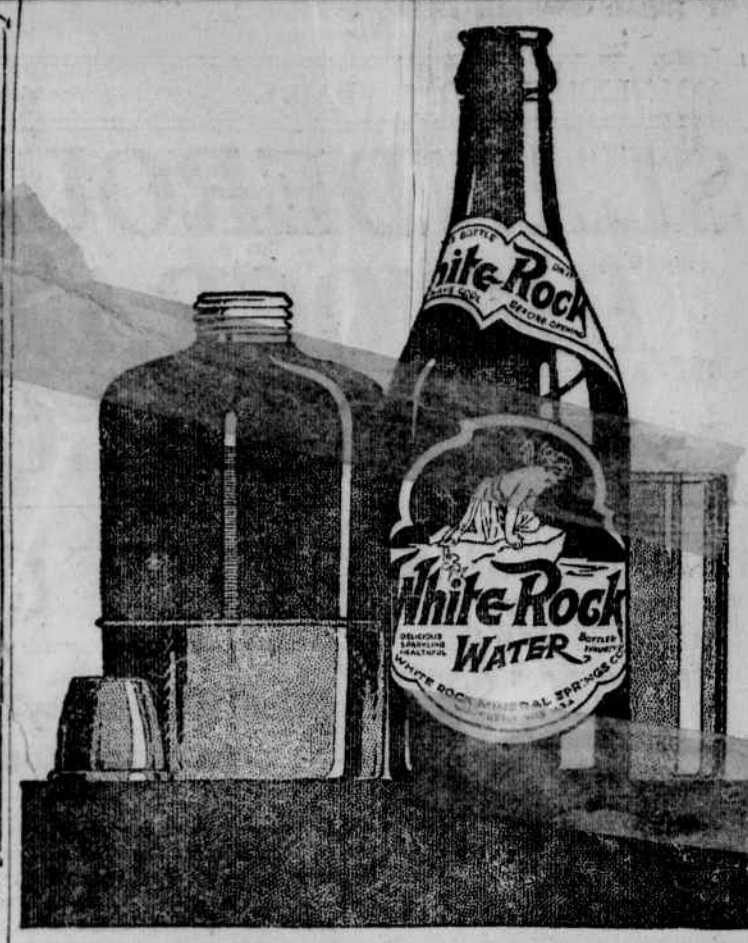
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